

HOUSE BILL 674

By Rogers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 5, relative to newborn testing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-5-506(b)(3), is amended by inserting the following new sentence immediately after the fourth sentence of the subdivision:

The information shall be made available in pamphlet format that meets the requirements imposed by Section 2 of this act.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 5, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

The information distributed to the family pursuant to §§ 68-5-504(b)(7) and 68-5-506(b)(3) shall be provided to the family to review and sign an acknowledgment of receiving the information about newborn testing before any blood sample for testing is drawn from the newborn. The pamphlet shall disclose the exemption from testing or treatment of a child pursuant to § 68-5-403. The pamphlet shall also inform the family of the newborn screening specimen use, retention, and disposal policy.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 5, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

A newborn screening specimen taken for testing pursuant to this part or part 5 of this chapter shall be kept for one (1) year to permit time for the infant's physician to request additional tests. The specimen and the form containing the identifying information shall be kept separate. After one (1) year, both the specimen and the form shall be destroyed. If a specimen is needed for quality assessment, quality control, or test calibration, that specimen may be retained for longer than one (1) year; provided,

that the form containing the identifying information has been separated from the sample and destroyed, to ensure that the source of the sample cannot be identified.

SECTION 4. No revisions shall be made to the existing pamphlet required pursuant to Section 2 until a new printing of the pamphlet occurs. Existing stock of the pamphlet may be distributed until the supply is exhausted.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-5-404, is amended by deleting the language "Any person" and by substituting the language "Any healthcare provider".

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.